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**SUPERVISORS RIDLEY-THOMAS AND ANTONOVICH
SEEK FEDERAL FUNDING TO CLOSE GAP ON
CRENSHAW/LAX TRANSIT CORRIDOR AND
GOLD LINE FOOTHILL EXTENSION**

LOS ANGELES – Supervisors Mark Ridley-Thomas and Mike Antonovich today introduced a joint motion calling on County officials to work with the Metropolitan Transportation Authority to pursue a variety of federal funds to close budget gaps on the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor and Gold Line Foothill Extension.

“The MTA has conducted extensive outreach during the last few months regarding the \$1.7 billion Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor project and the community has identified several concerns regarding public safety and economic impacts,” Supervisor Ridley-Thomas said. “In order to mitigate these issues, the total project budget should be amended to include an additional \$485 million.”

The Supervisor, whose motion will be considered next week by the Board, noted that the Gold Line Foothill Extension Project budget extends from the current terminus in Pasadena to the City of Claremont/County line. As such, a funding gap of \$400 million exists in the project budget.

At its October 22 board meeting, the MTA unanimously approved its Long Range Transportation Plan with an amendment by MTA Directors Ridley-Thomas, Antonovich, and Duarte Mayor John Fasana.

The motion referenced funding gaps in the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Corridor and the Gold Line Foothill Extension Project budgets, and was intended to ensure that the long-range plan provides regional equity and an appropriate balance of projects and priorities.

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